



UMP LAUNCH MALAYSIA'S FIRST ACADEMIC INITIATIVE ON CAMPUS

Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) strengthened its partnership with IBM and HeiTech Padu Berhad with the launch of Malaysia's first Academic Initiative on Campus "Center of Excellence" on 9 March 2011 recently.

The center aims to teach and develop skills specifically on IBM technologies to produce graduates with the knowledge and skills to meet the growing IT and business needs

of the public and private sectors in Malaysia.

It will enhance the capabilities of IT education at institutions such as UMP in producing graduates and postgraduates with high quality skills and professional IBM certification.

The Center of Excellence is the highlight of the System z Academic Initiative Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between UMP, IBM and HeiTech Padu in June 2010.

The tripartite alliance signifies strong commitment by UMP, HeiTech Padu and IBM in supporting the Government's aspiration toward human capital development, specifically in bridging the shortage in System z technical skills in Malaysia. It also aims to position Malaysia as a hub of skilled IT experts and mainframe specialists in this region.

Under the collaboration, UMP will provide teaching resources